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Dear Tanya G

Thank you for your email on 14 September 2020, requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA):

I would like to know as follows - How many offshore applications are currently pending since Jan 2019? - How many have CO yet to be assigned for the same period? - I understand since cross-border movements are on hold, the off-shore category is impacted. What is the plan to tackle the application backlog? - Since average timeline for applications is now more than 18months, shouldn't these applications be also processes to avoid further delays?

Our response

On 17 September 2020, we sought information that would establish your entitlement to make requests for official information. We gave you until 22 September 2020 to respond. On 17 September 2020, you stated that you do not meet the criteria under section 12.

We do not consider that you are legally entitled to make this request because you have stated that you cannot provide any information to establish your compliance with section 12 of the OIA. Accordingly we are not obligated to respond.

However, you can find information on offshore visa processing here:

<https://www.immigration.govt.nz/documents/visa-paks/19-june-2020-offshore-visa-processing-during-border-closure.pdf>

If you disagree with this response you may contact the Ombudsman. Information about how to contact the Ombudsman is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request or this response, please contact Margaret Huang, Business Advisor, Operations Support, Immigration New Zealand at Margaret.huang@mbie.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely

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